

# Scaling, propagating and mapping uncertainty in spectroscopy-derived foliar traits from the leaf to the image

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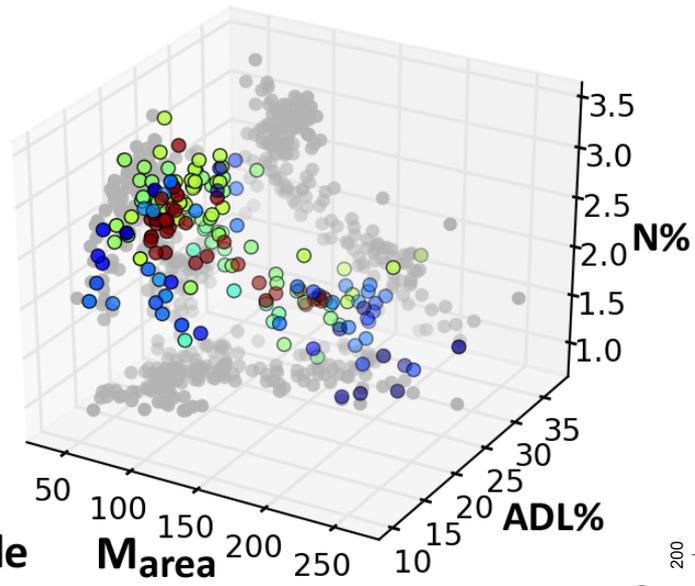
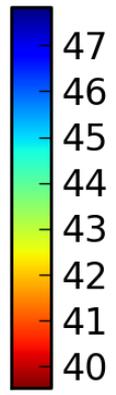
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# Major Themes

- Leaf traits & spectroscopy
- Image processing & scaling
- Spatial predictions
- Applications



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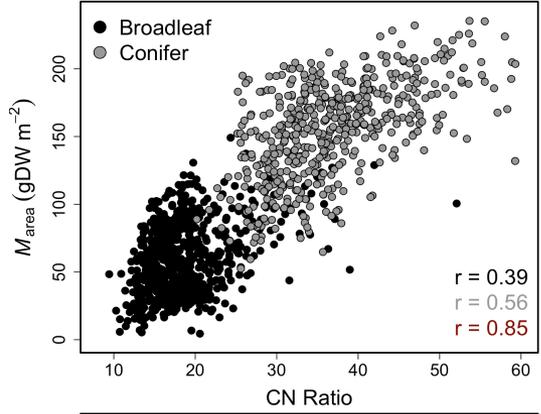
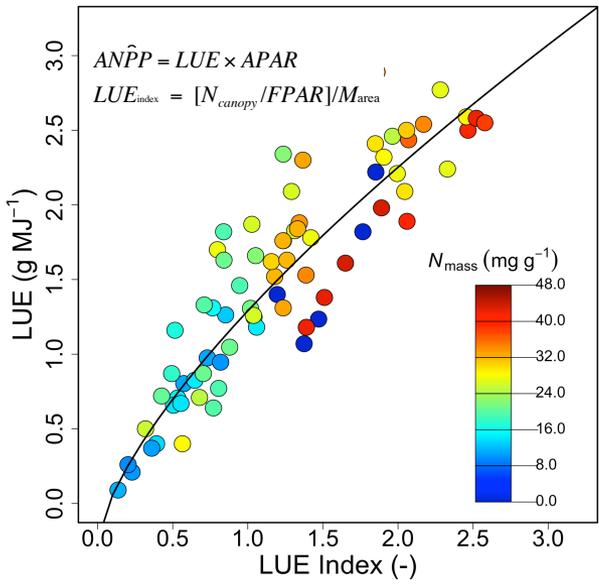
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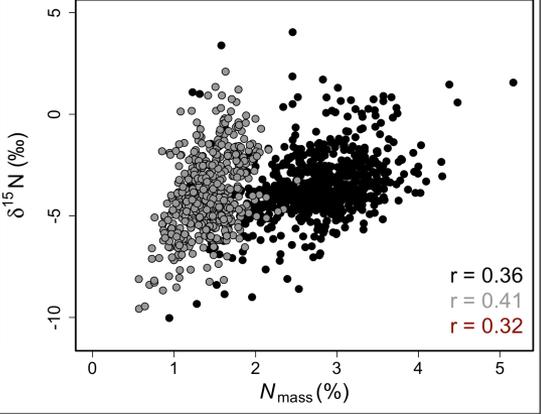
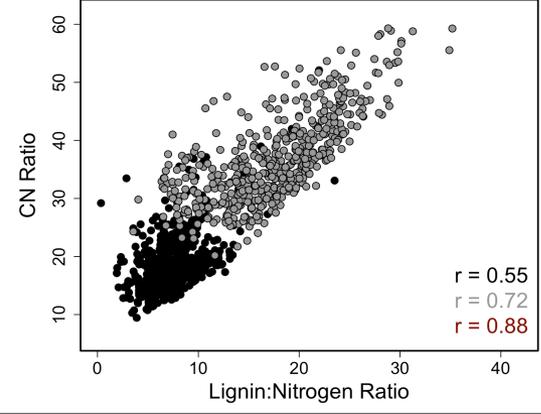
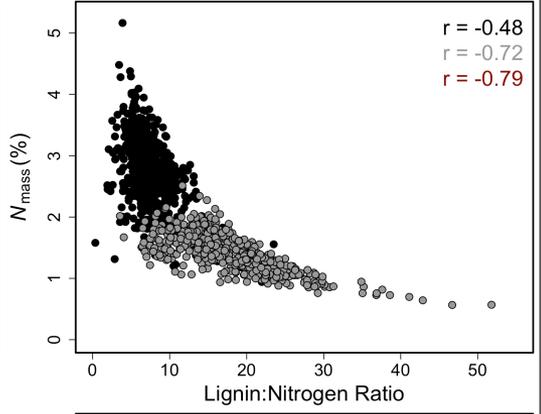
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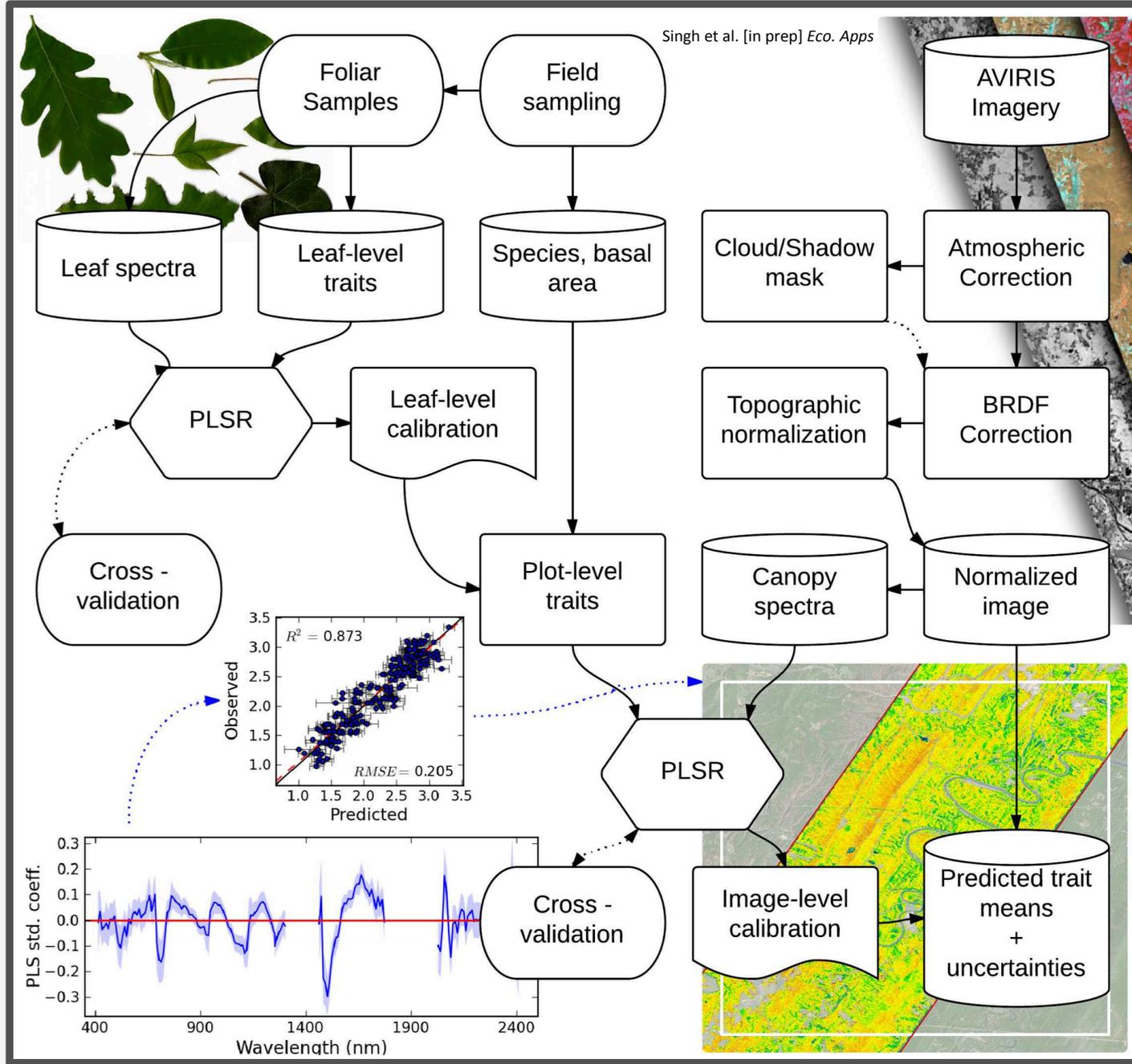
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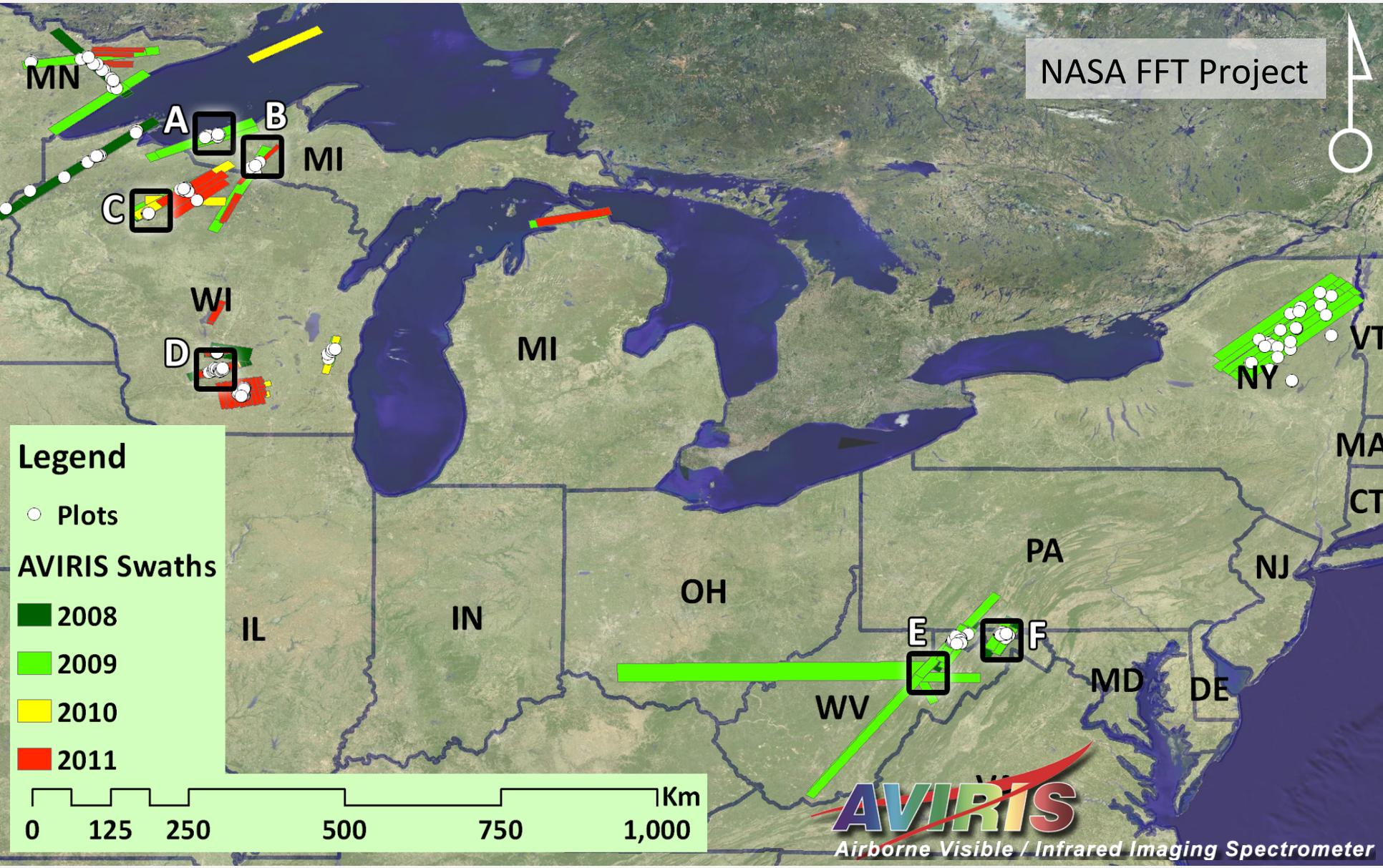
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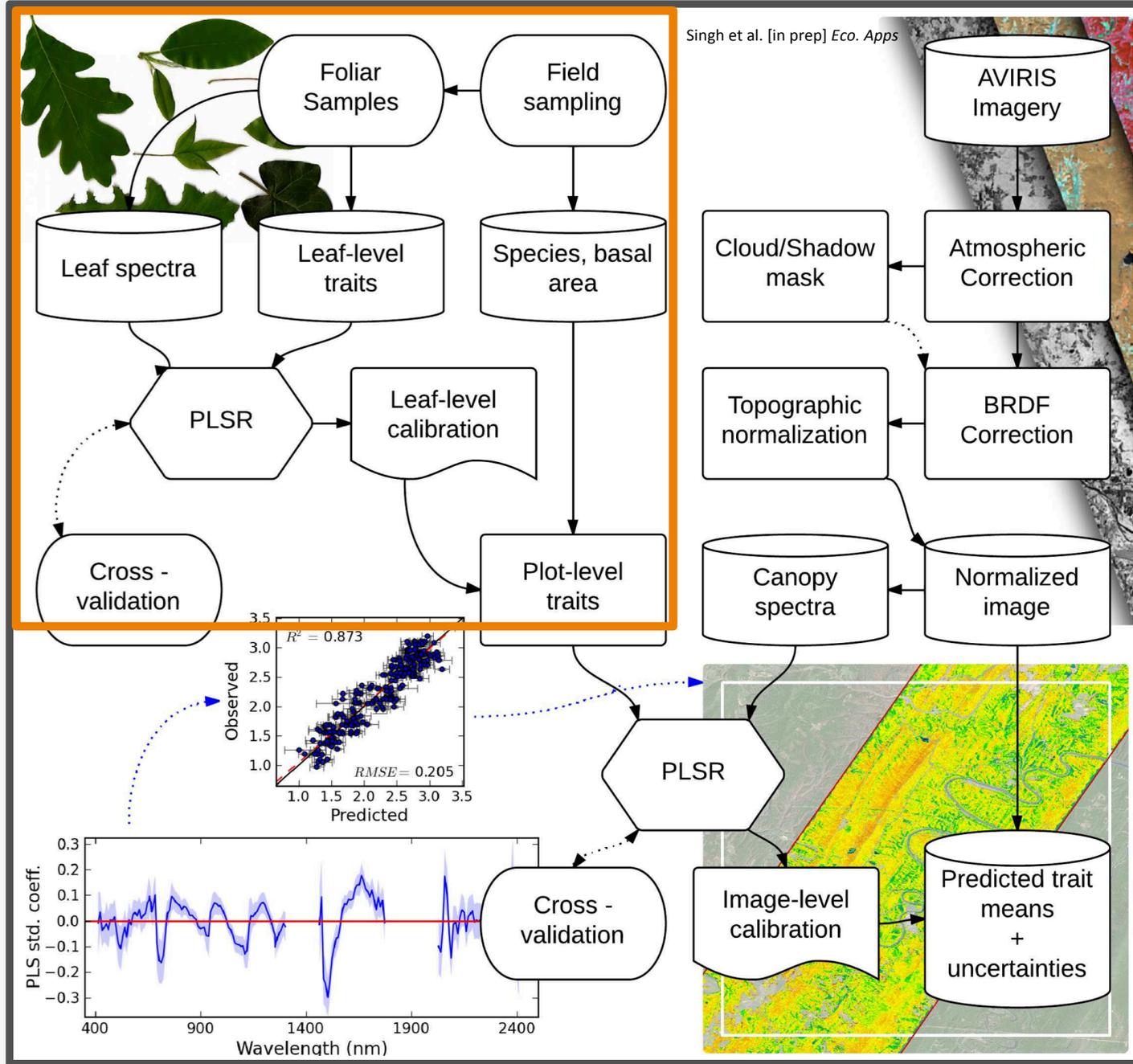


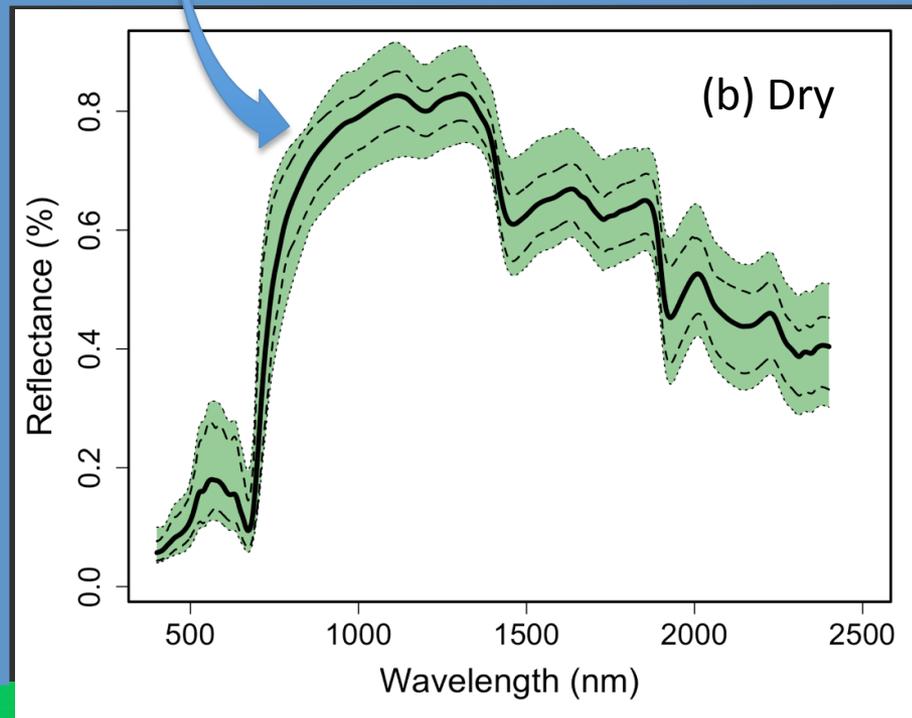
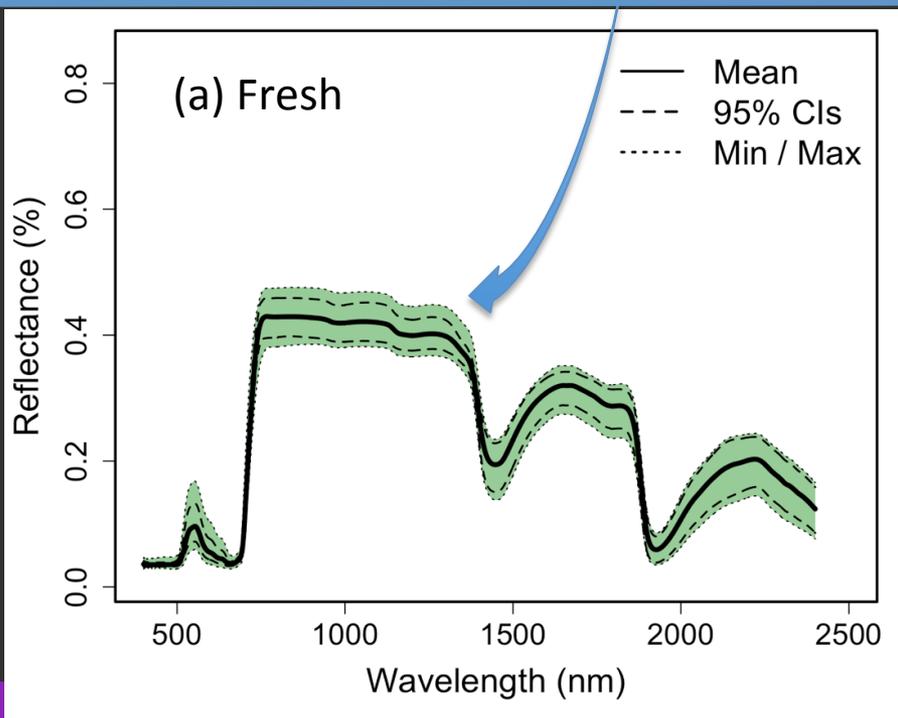
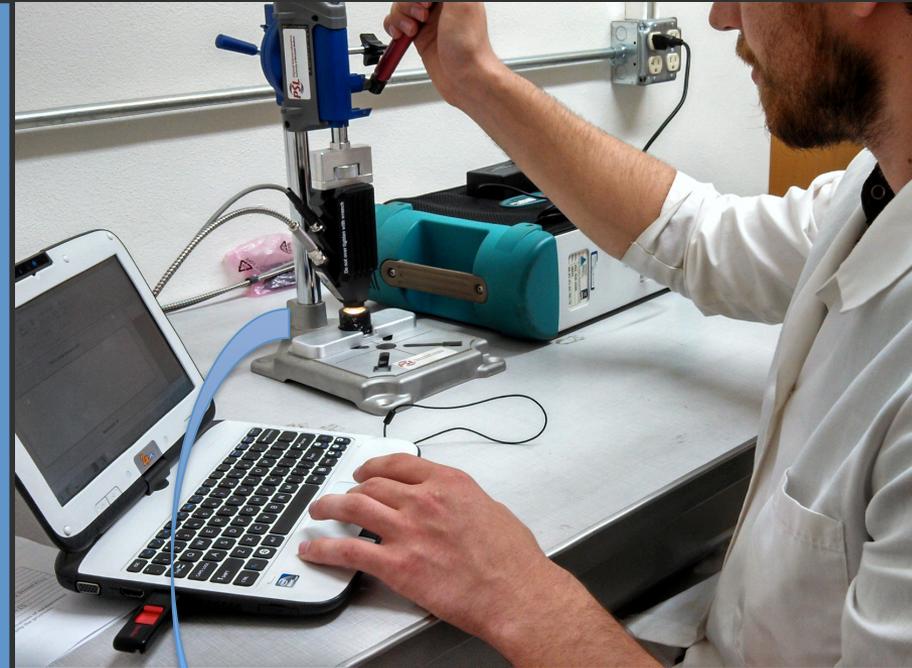


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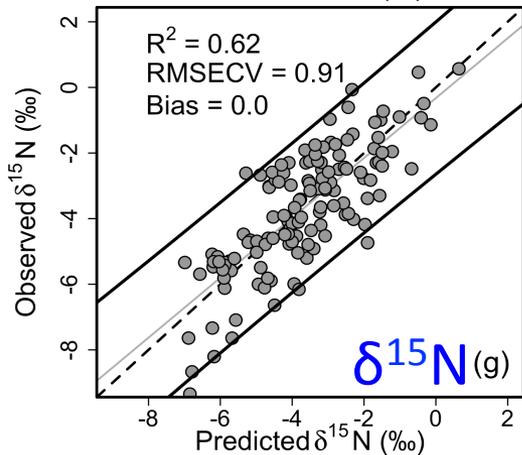
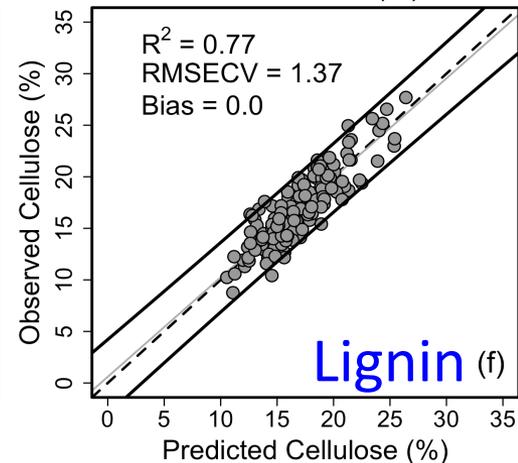
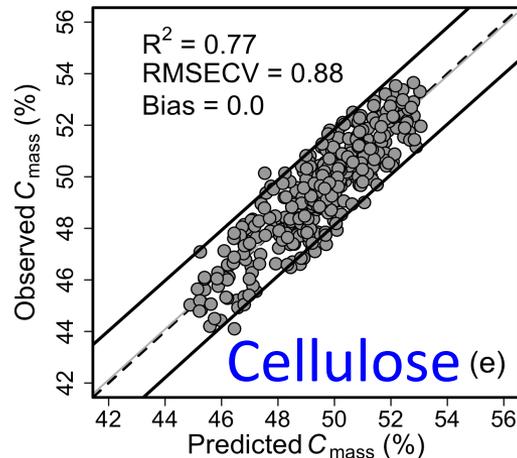
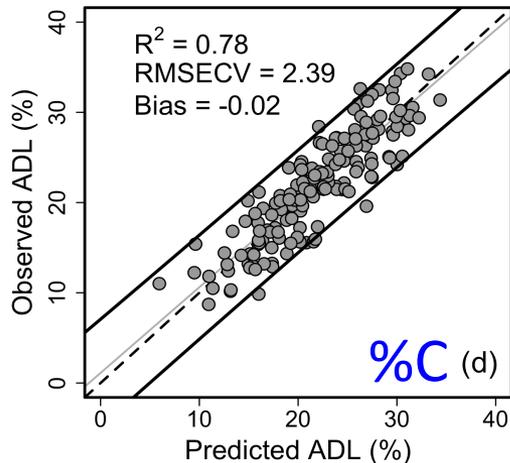
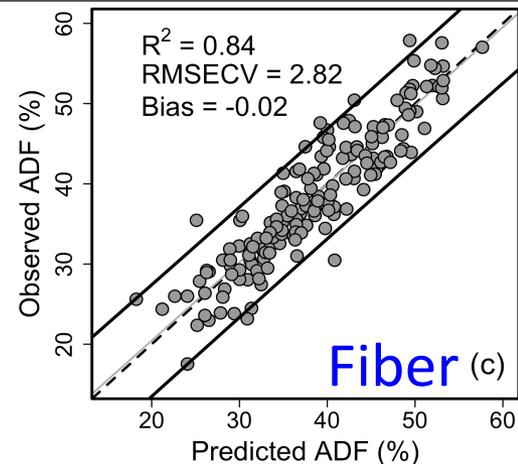
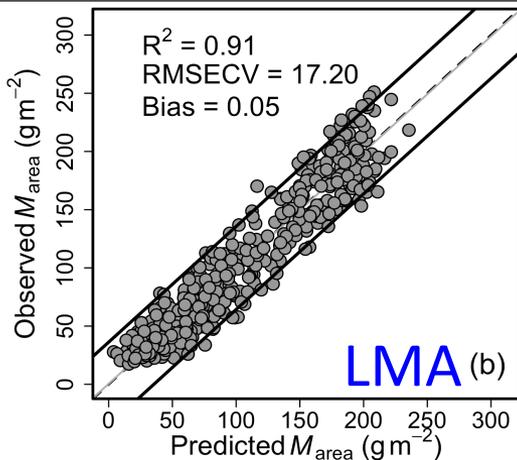
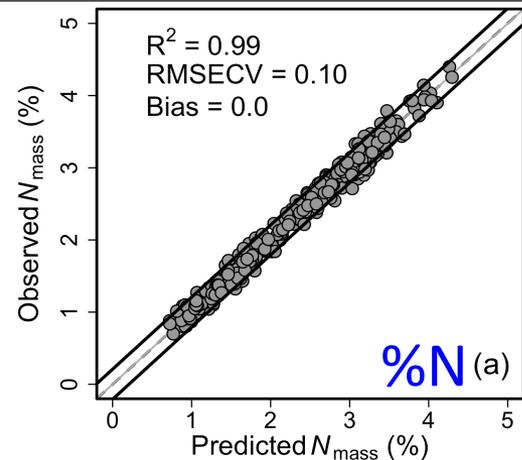
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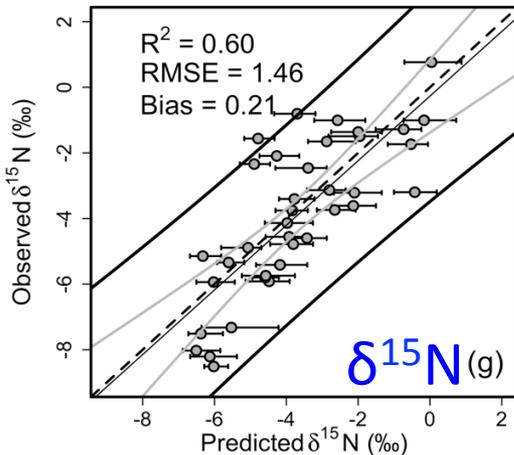
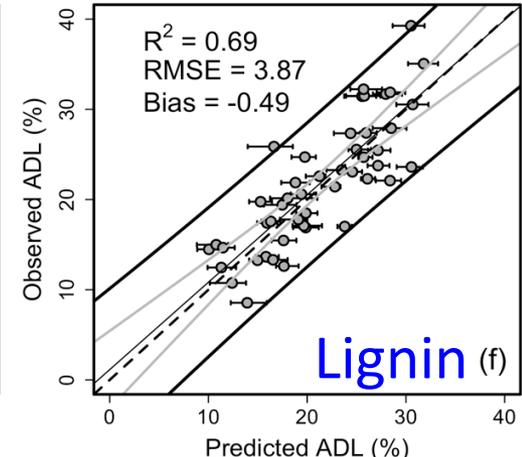
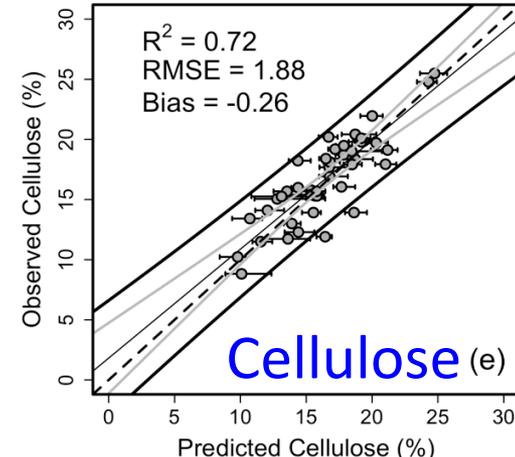
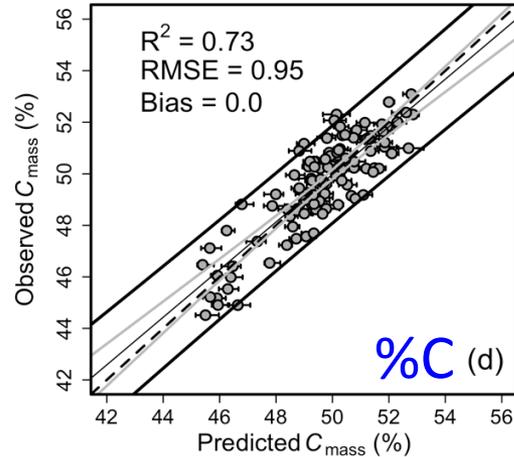
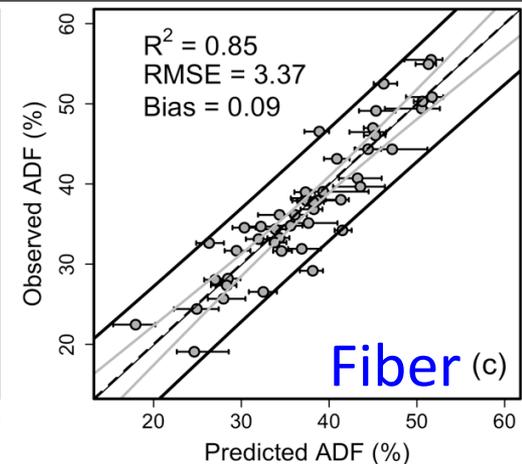
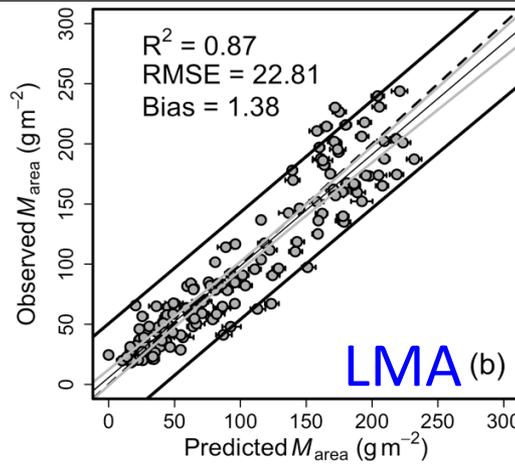
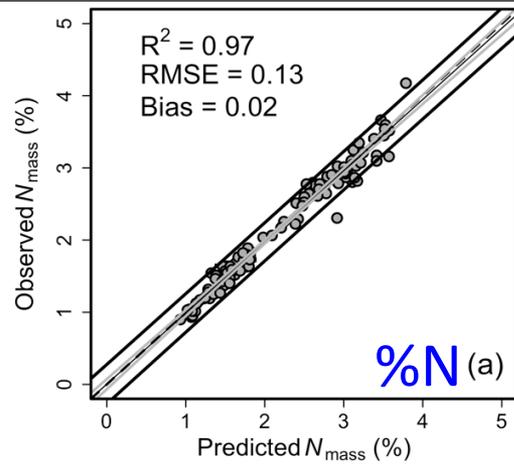


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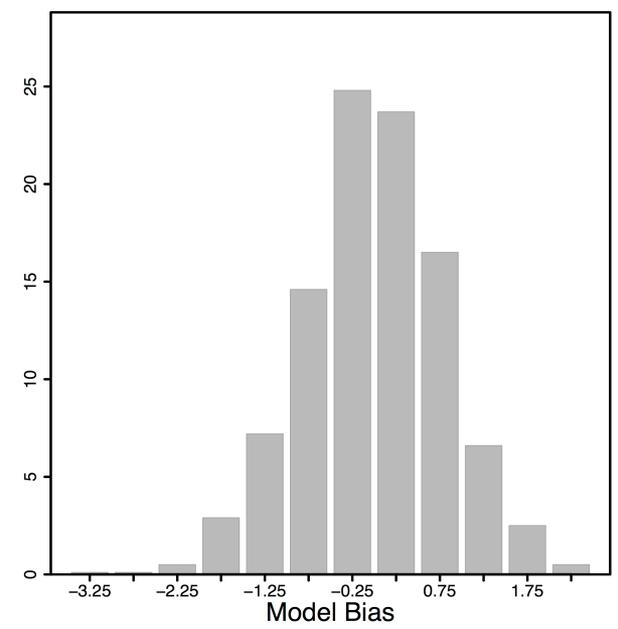
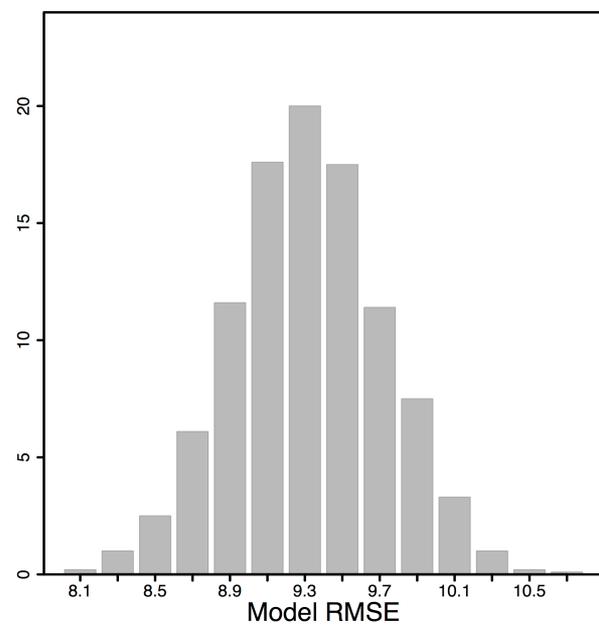
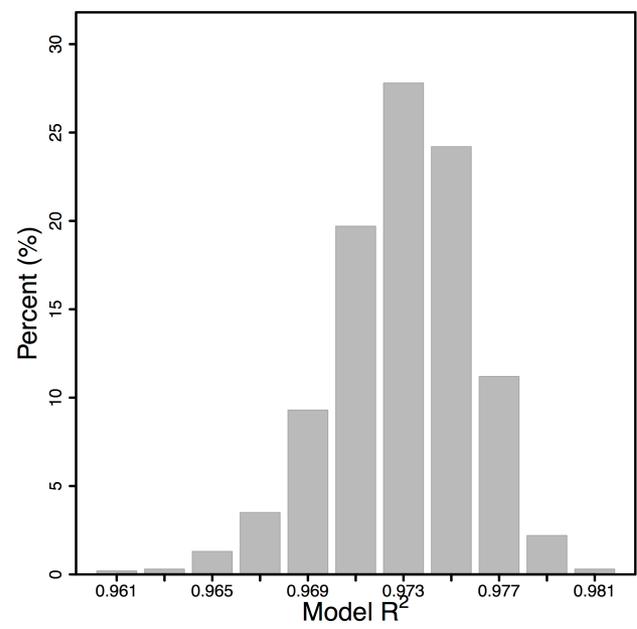
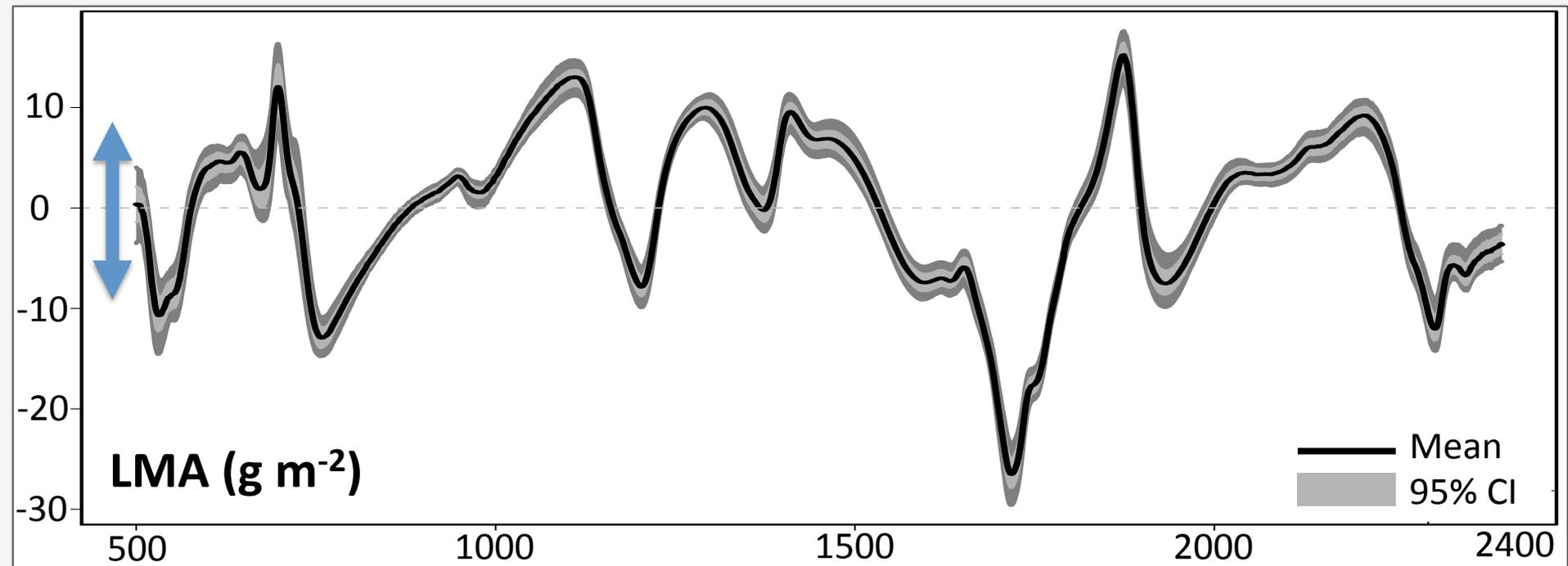
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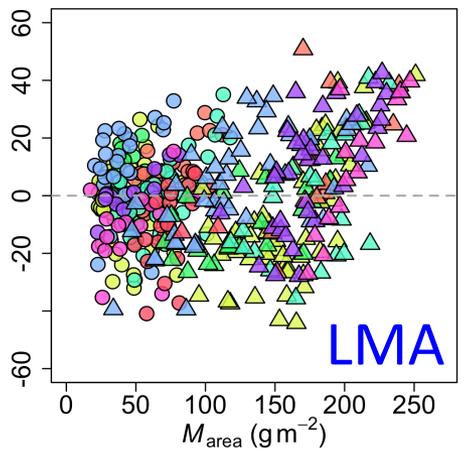
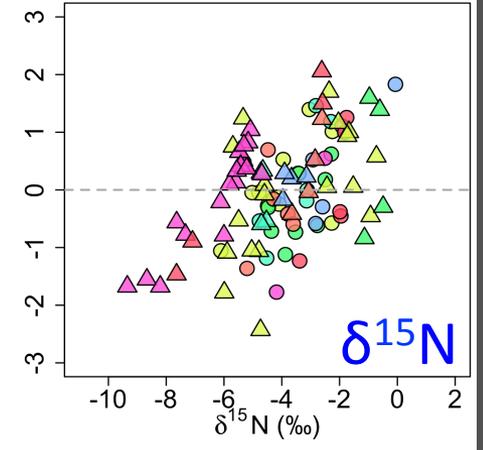
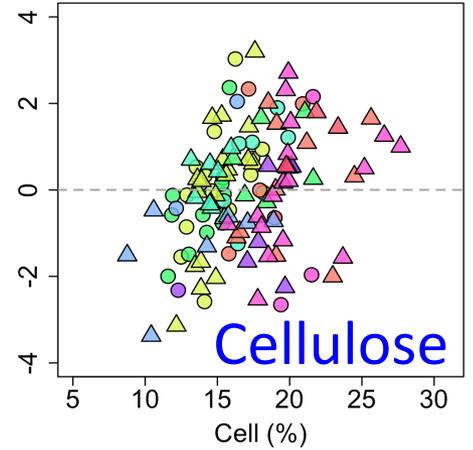
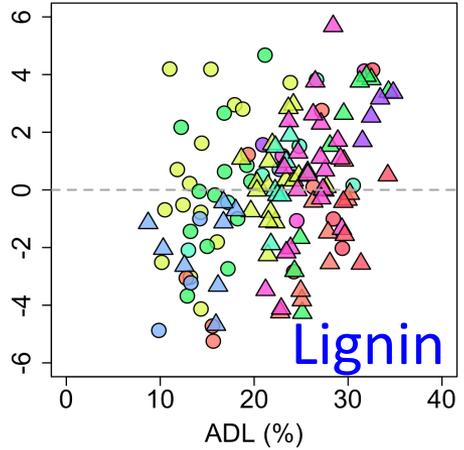
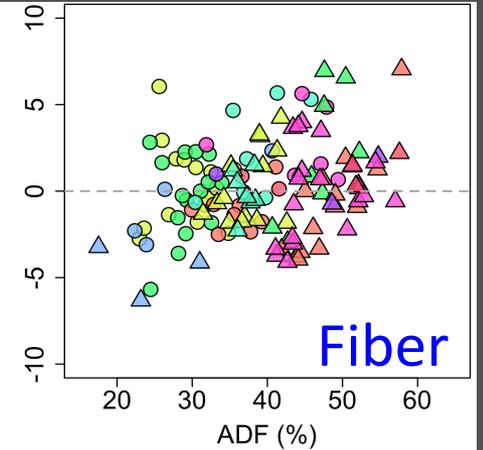
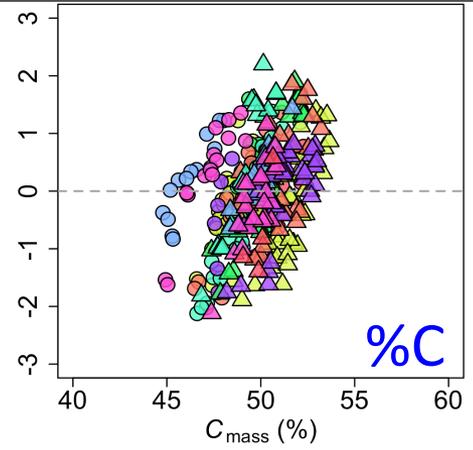
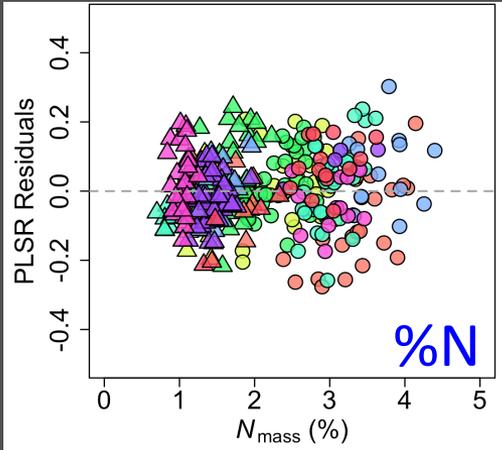


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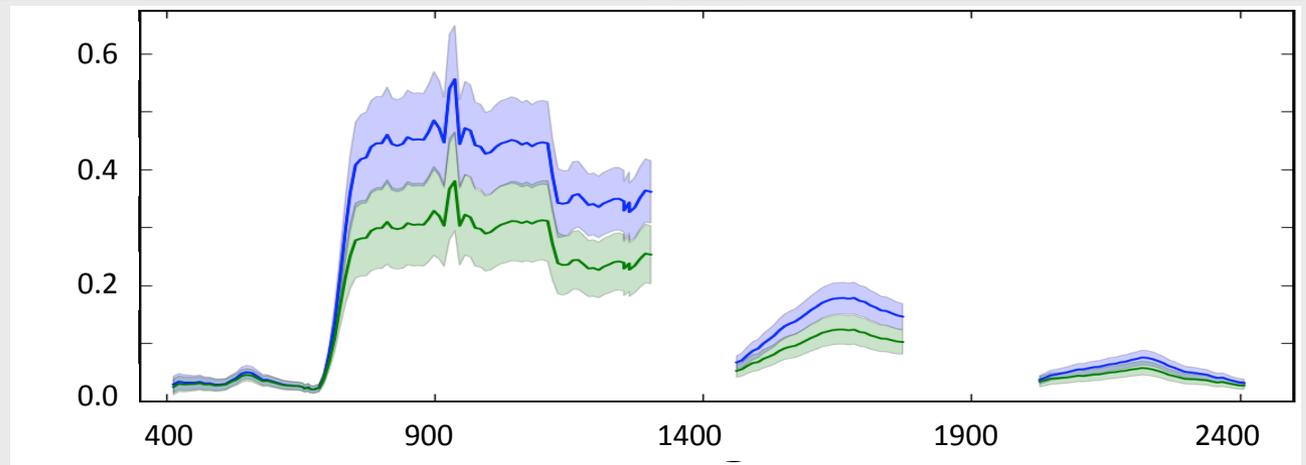


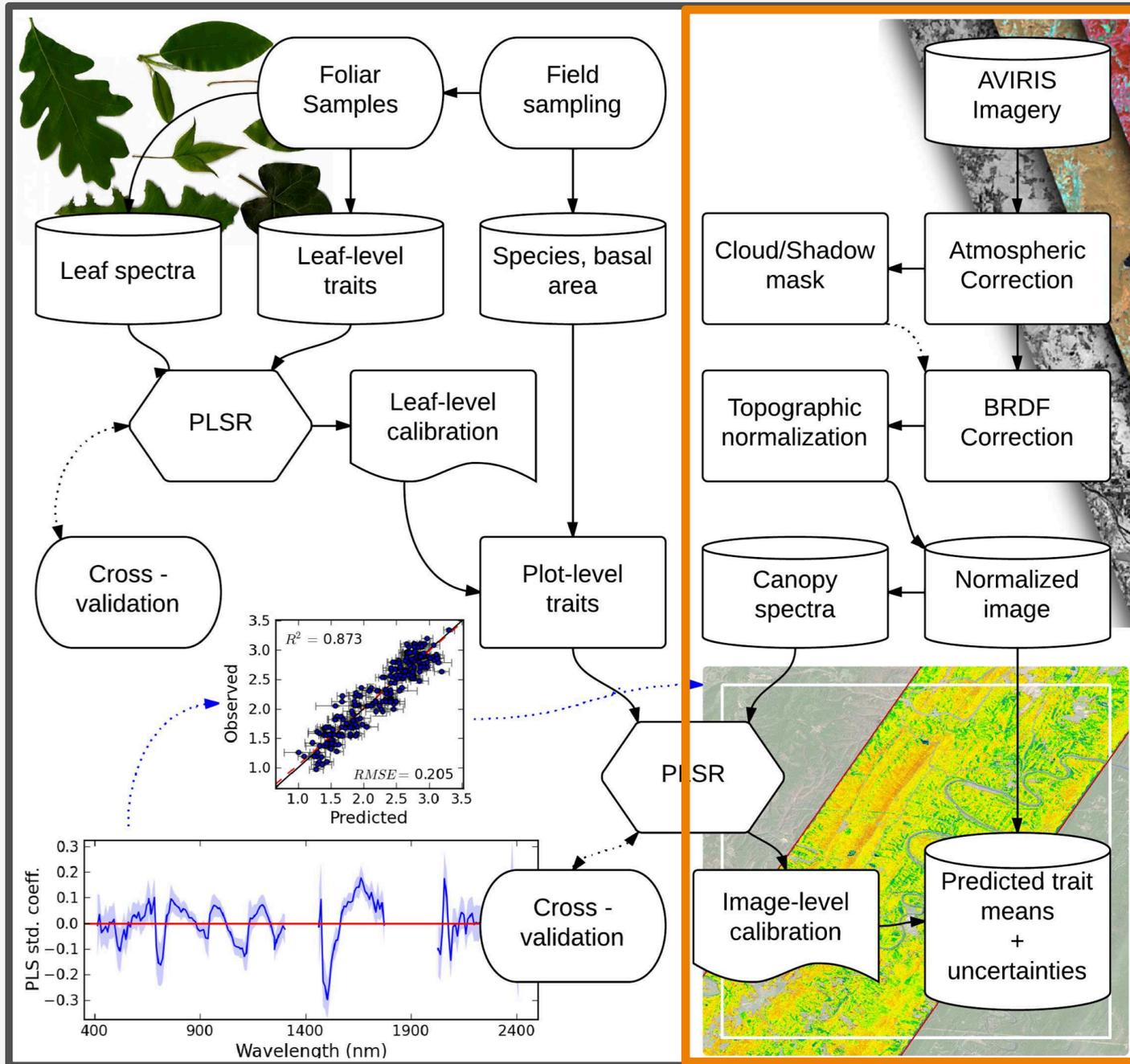


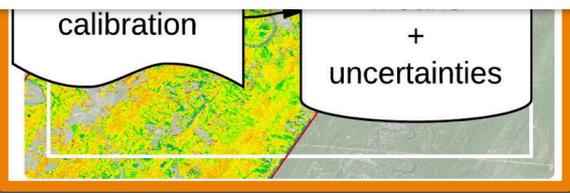
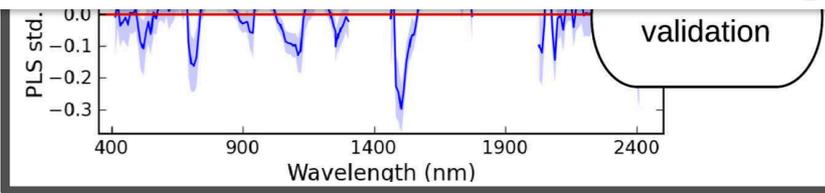
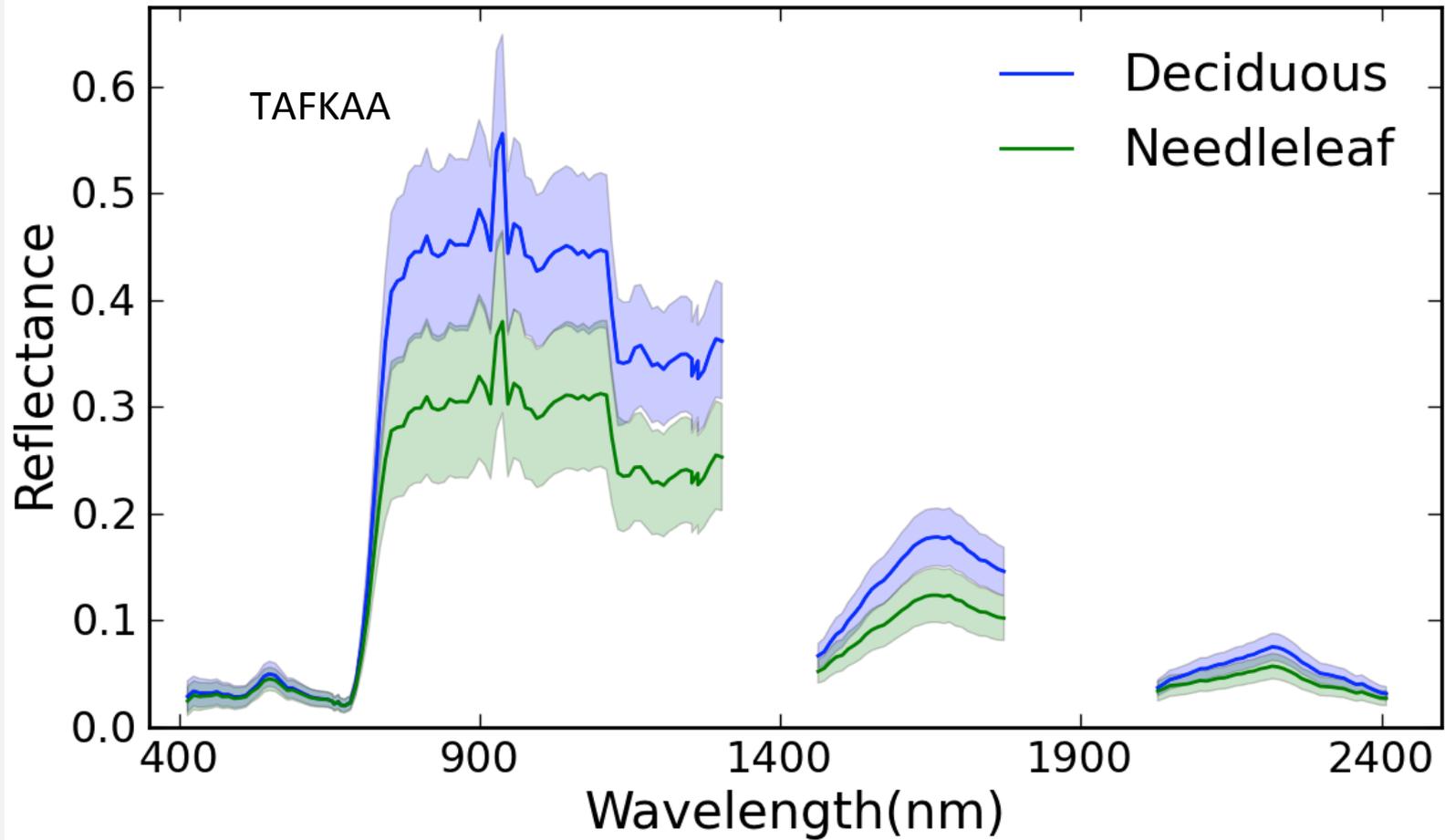
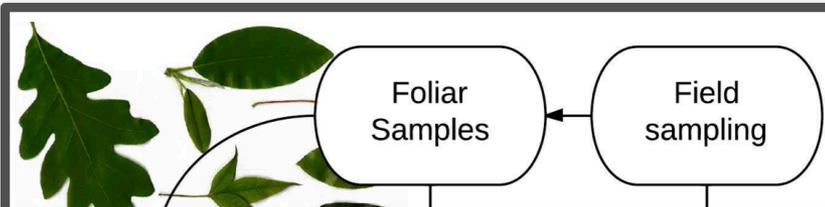
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\*Residuals by species

# Scaling: Imaging Spectroscopy

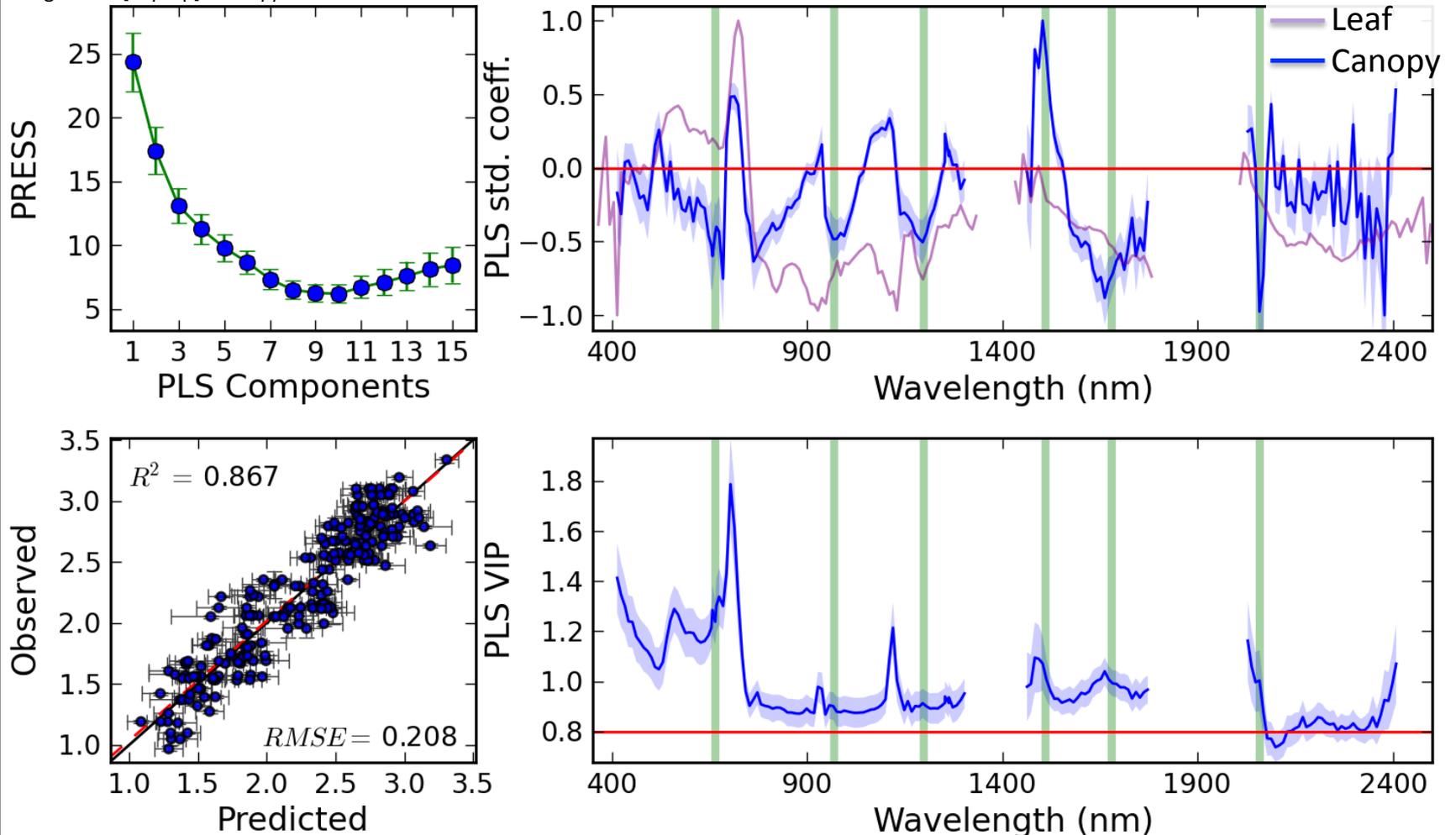




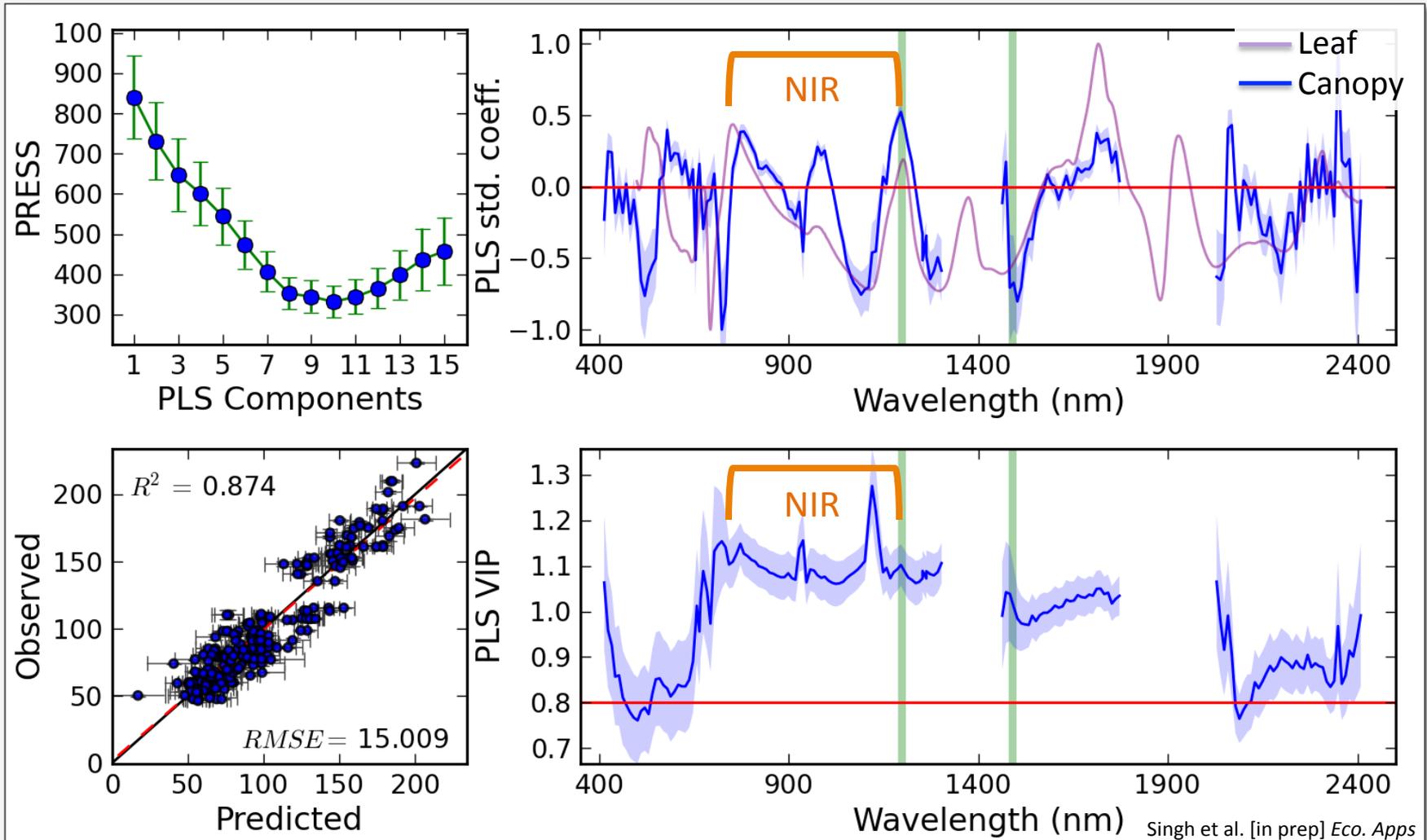


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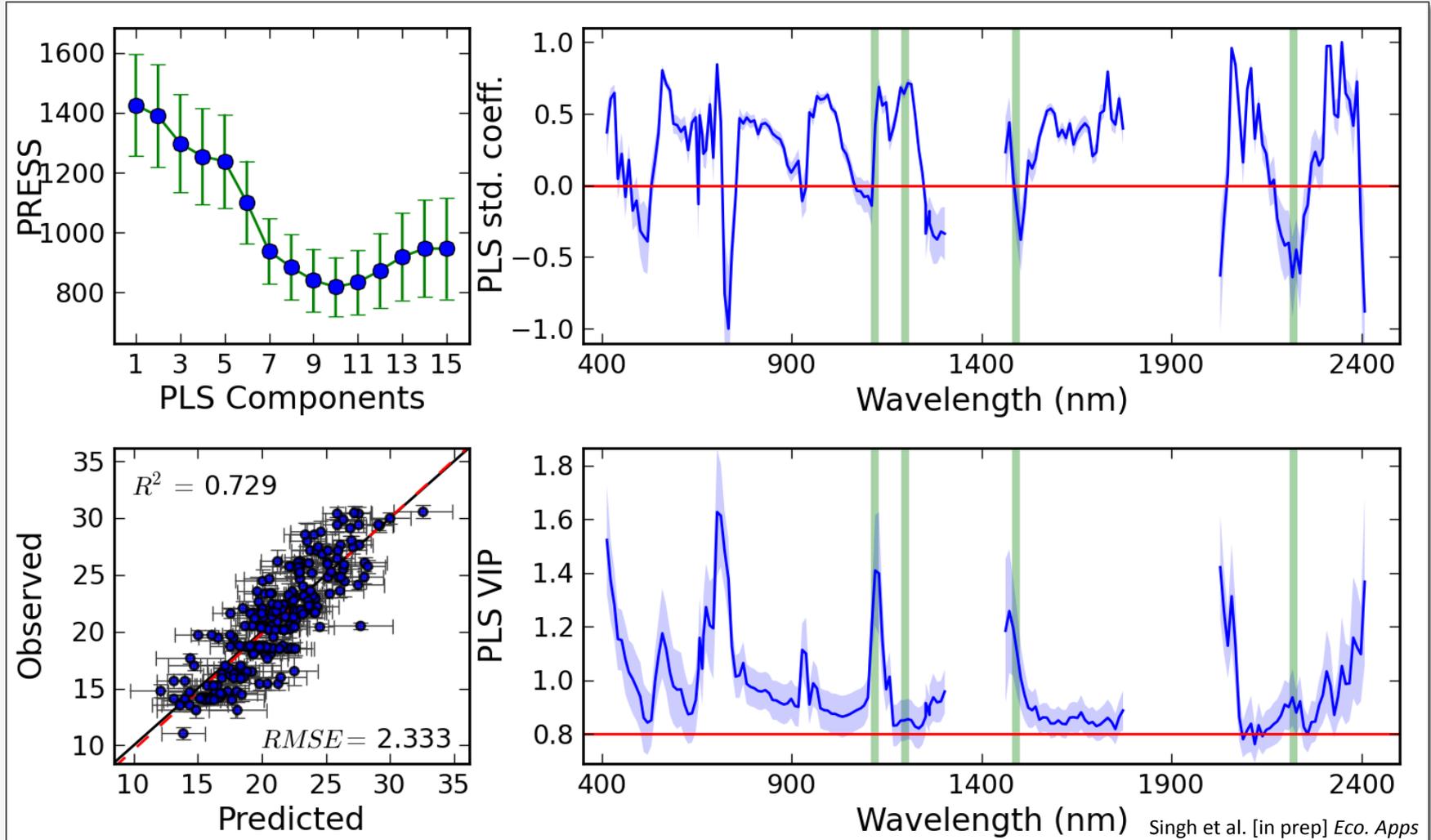


# Leaf Mass per Area (LMA, $\text{g m}^{-2}$ )



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# Lignin (% DW)



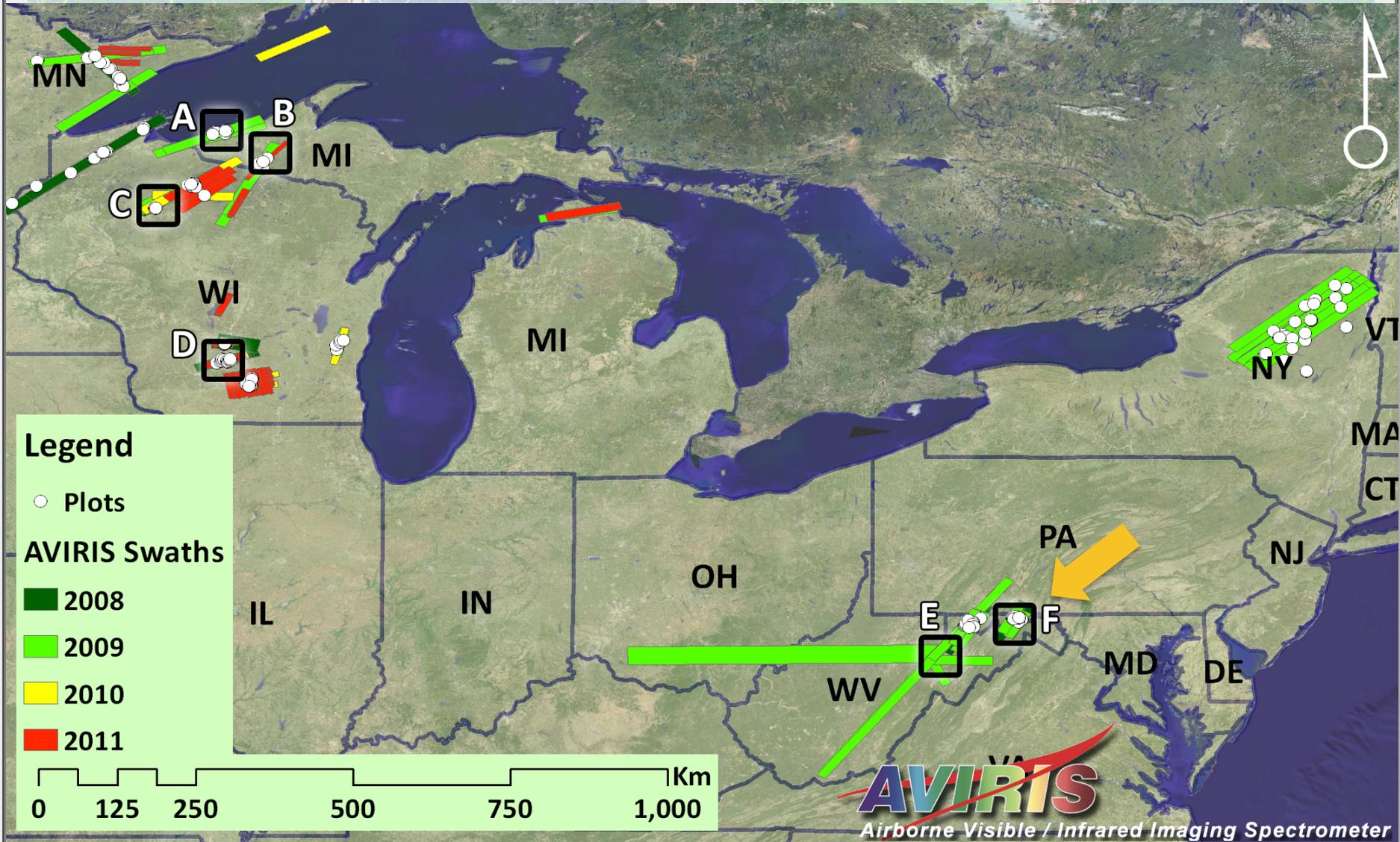
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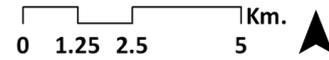
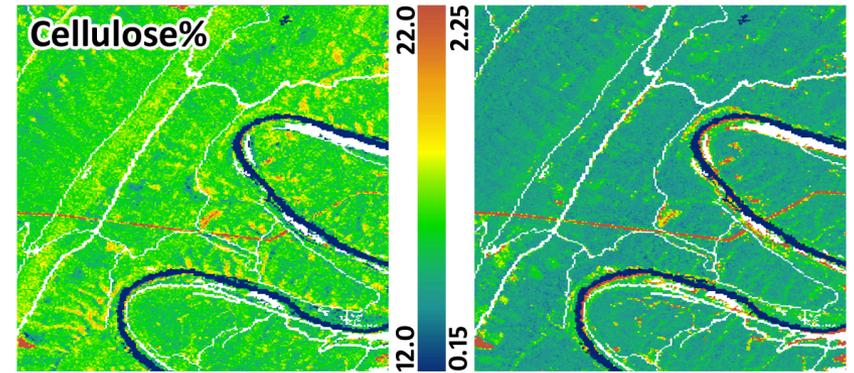
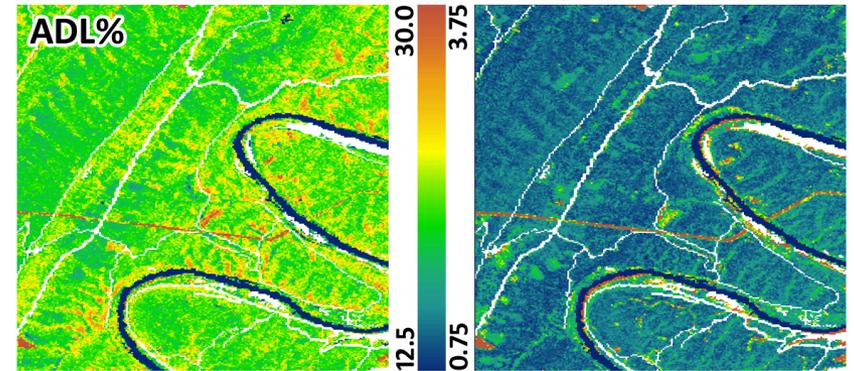
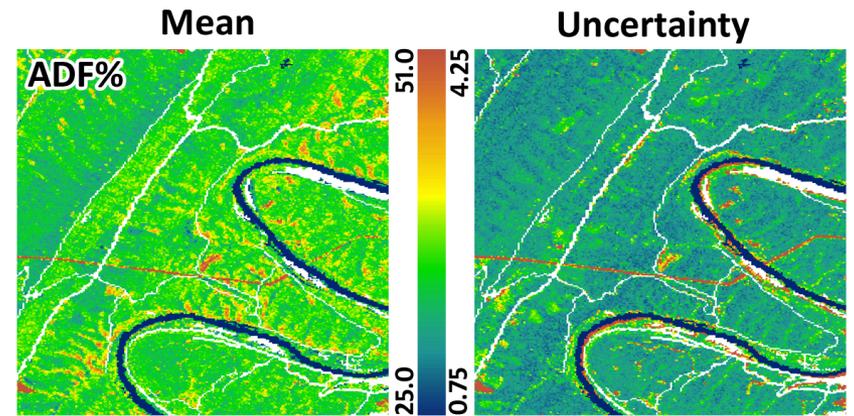
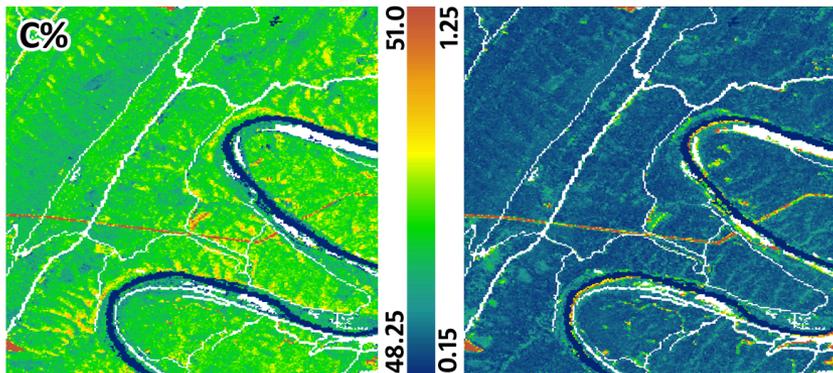
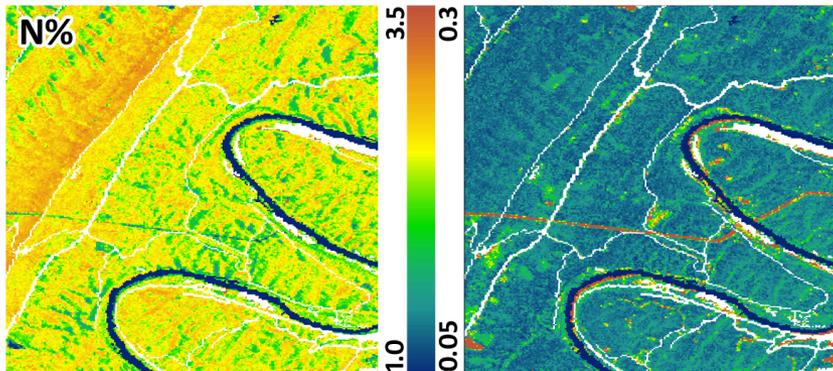
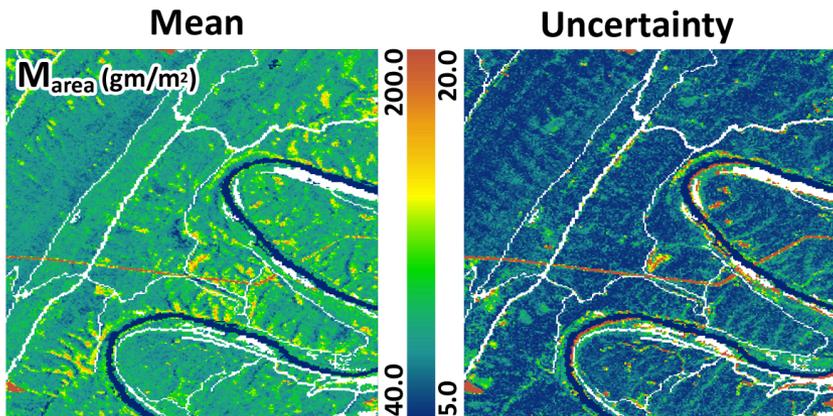
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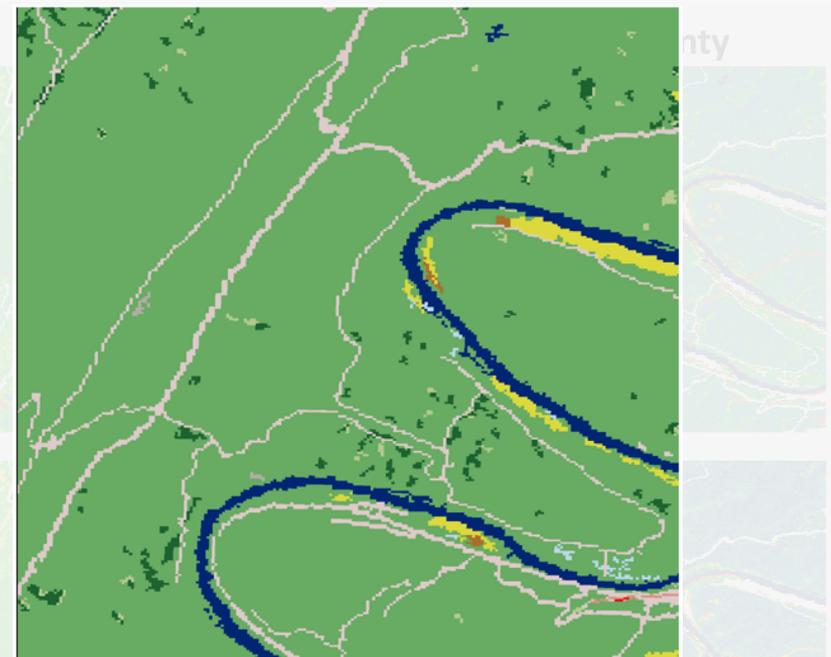
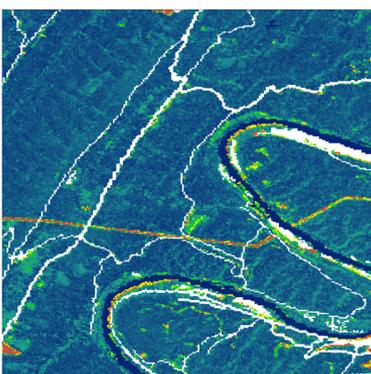
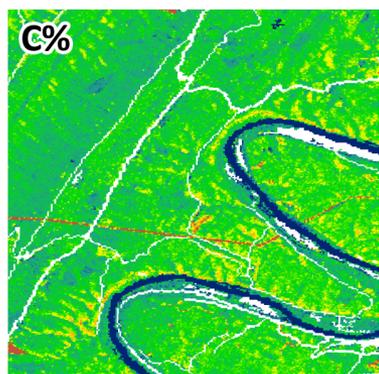
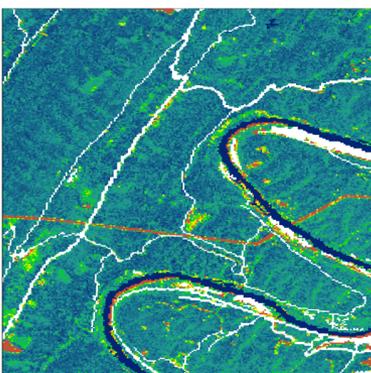
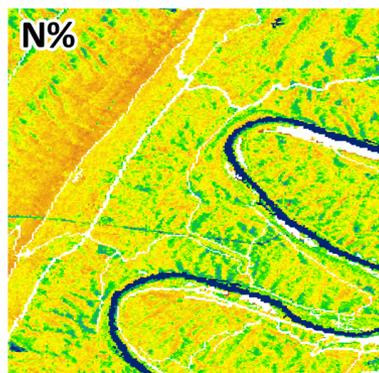
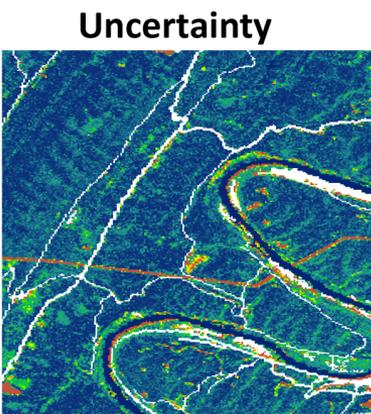
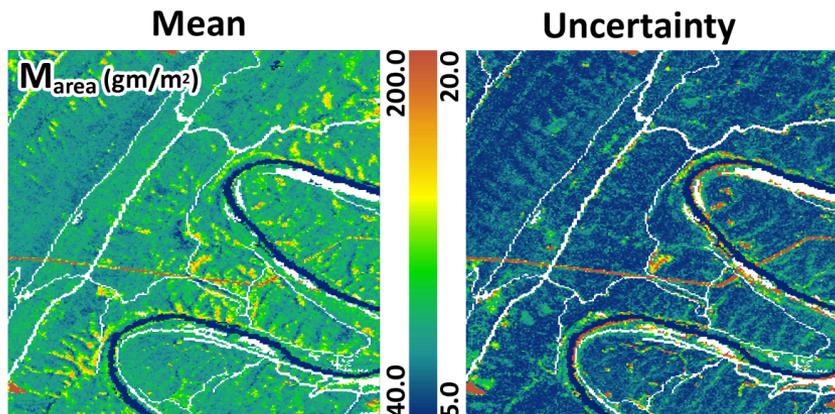
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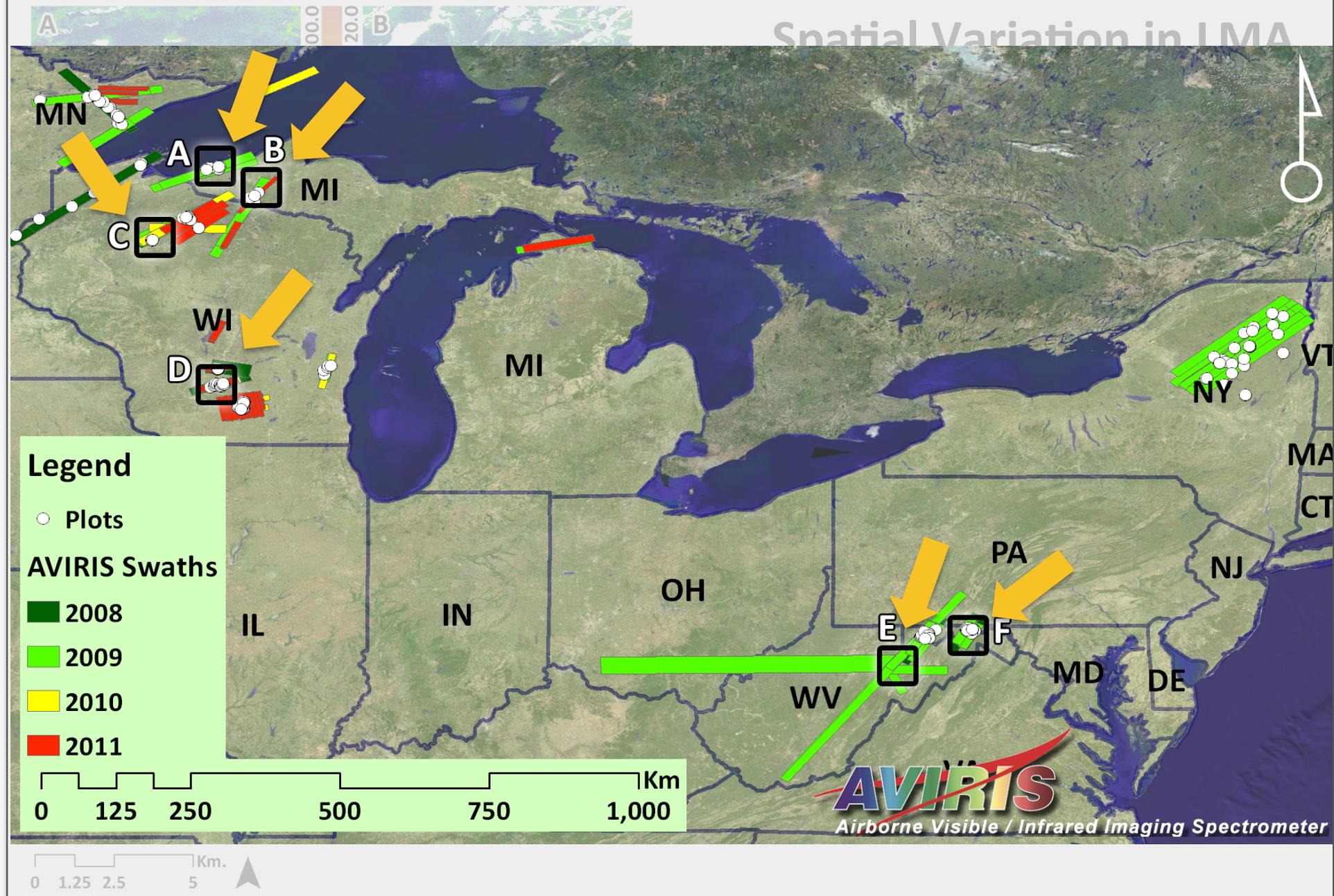


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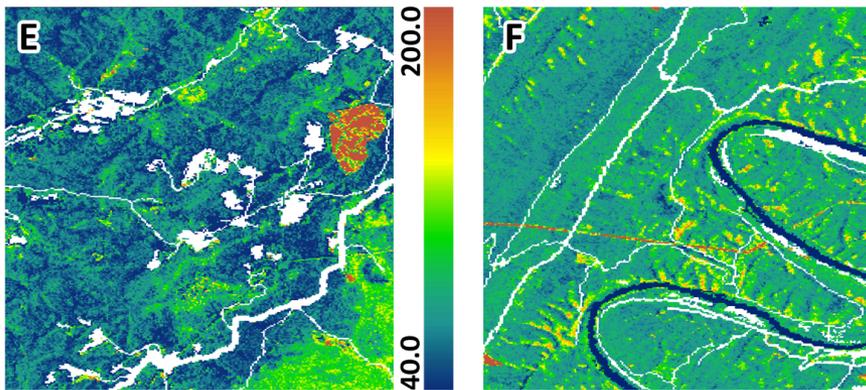
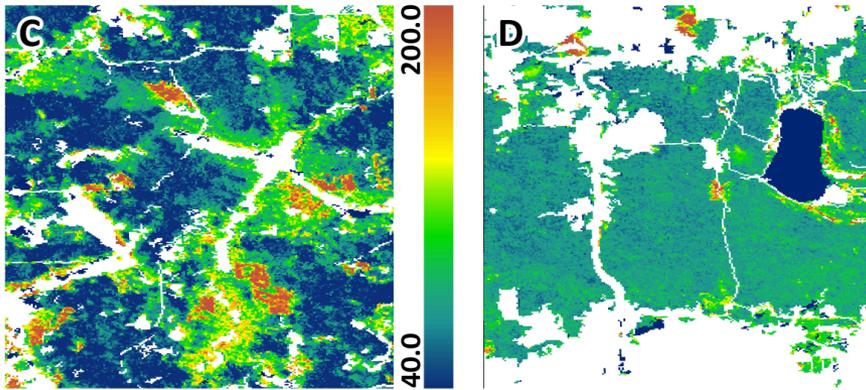
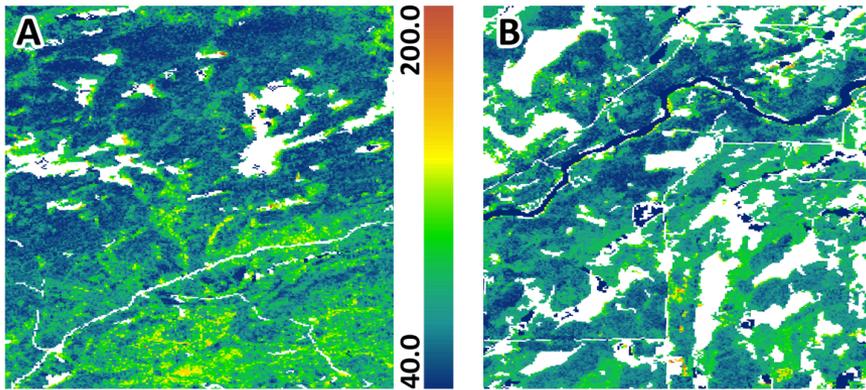
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A: Porcupine Mountains, MI (OG Hem/Hdw)

B: Ottawa NF, MI (OG Hem/Hardwood)

C: Flambeau River SF, WI (N. Hardwood)

D: Baraboo Hills, WI (Hickory/Oak/Pine)

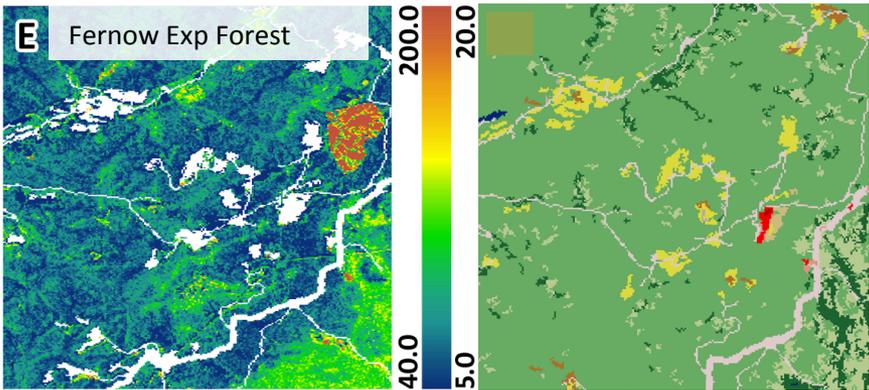
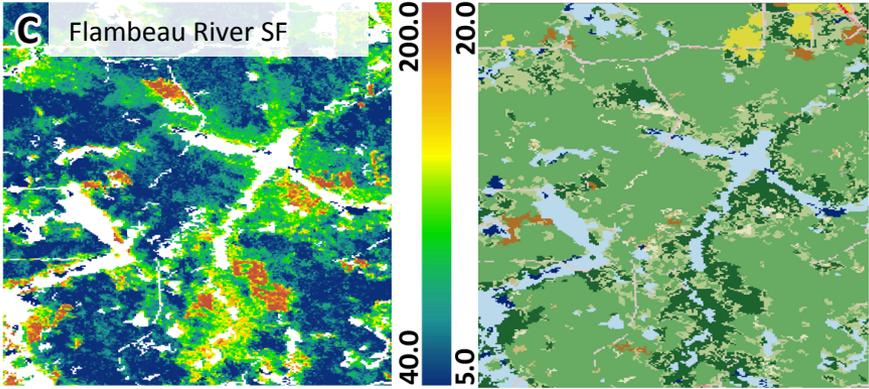
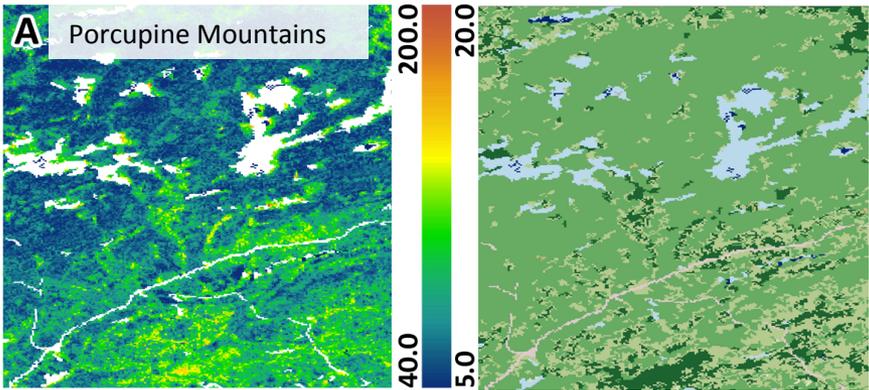
E: Fernow Exp. Forest, WV (Mixed Hdw)

F: Green Ridge SF, MD (Mixed Oak)

□ Missing (urban/cloud)

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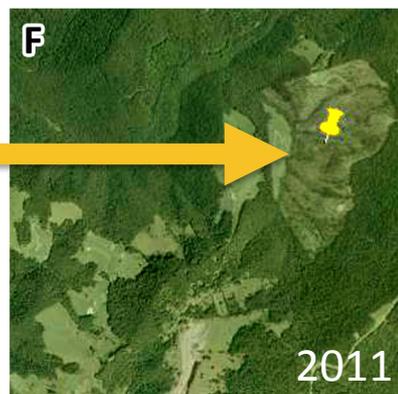
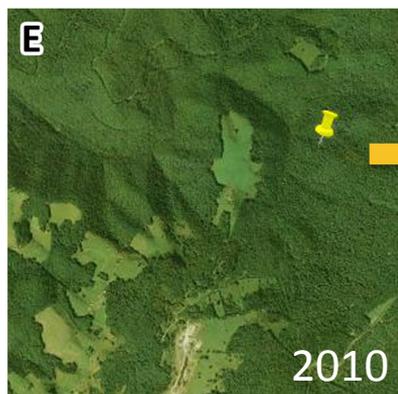
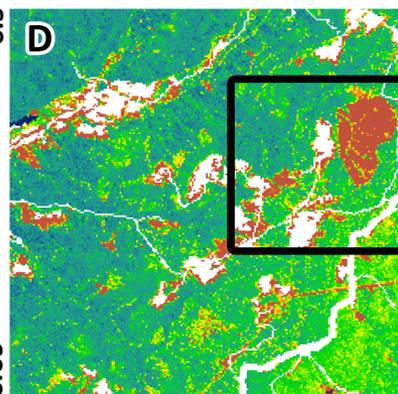
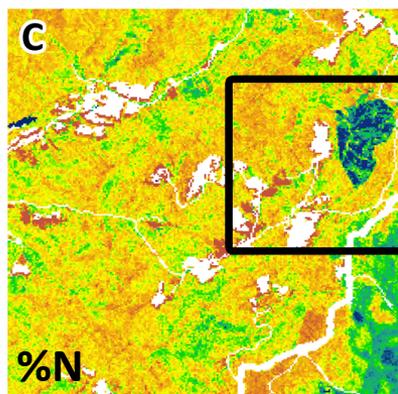
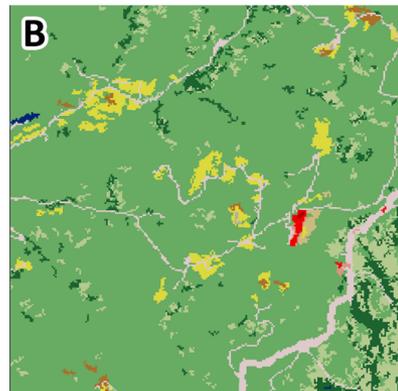
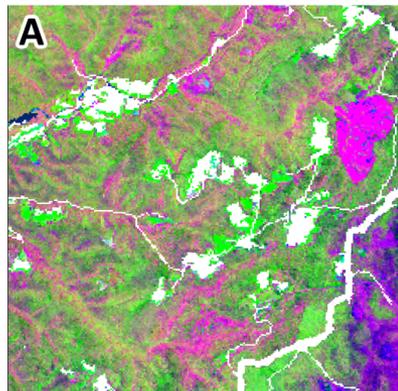


# Fernow Exp. Forest Logging Disturbance

R: ADL

G: Nitrogen

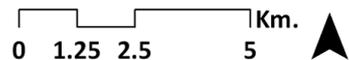
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- 43 Mixed Forest
- 51 Dwarf Scrub\*
- 52 Shrub/Scrub
- 71 Grassland/Herbaceous
- 72 Sedge/Herbaceous\*
- 73 Lichens\*
- 74 Moss\*
- 81 Pasture/Hay
- 82 Cultivated Crops
- 90 Woody Wetlands
- 95 Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands

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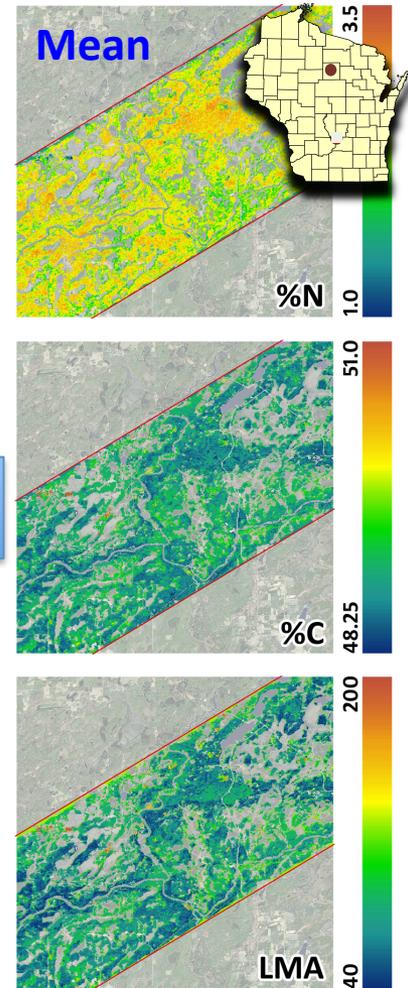
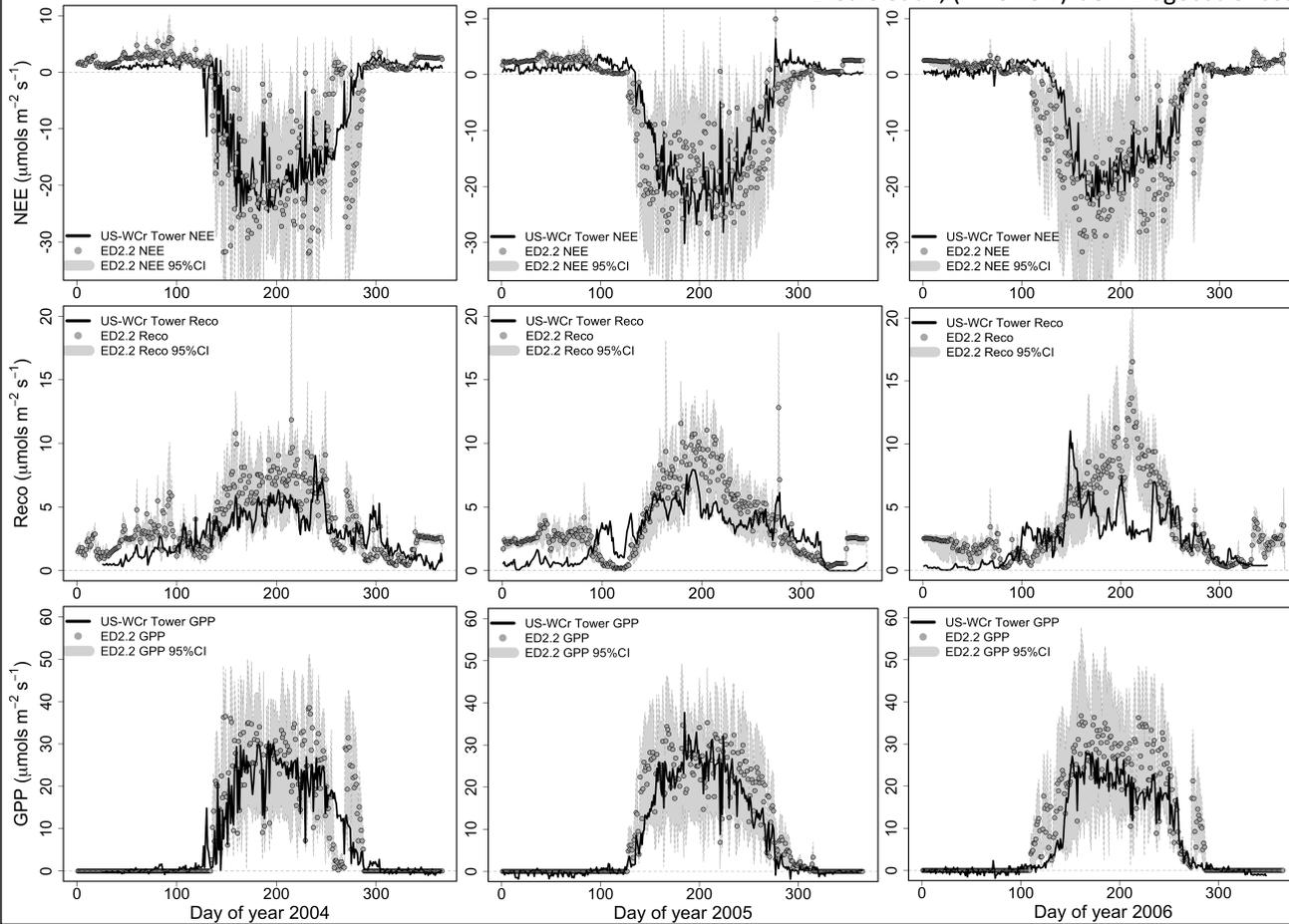
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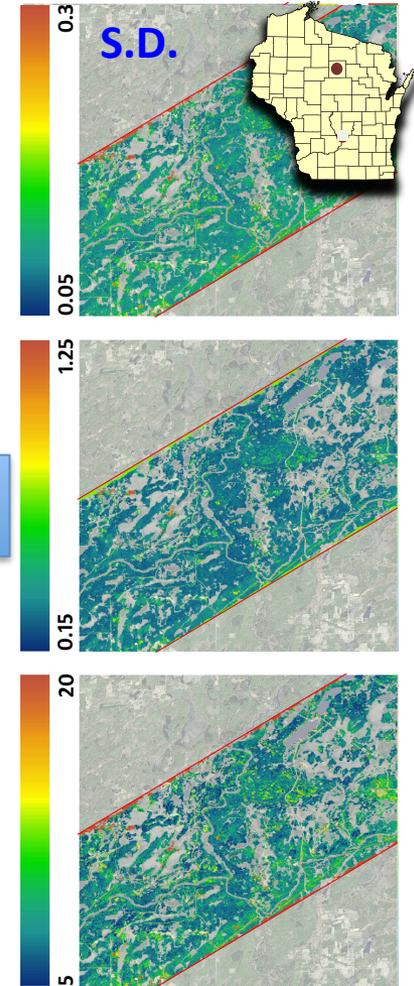
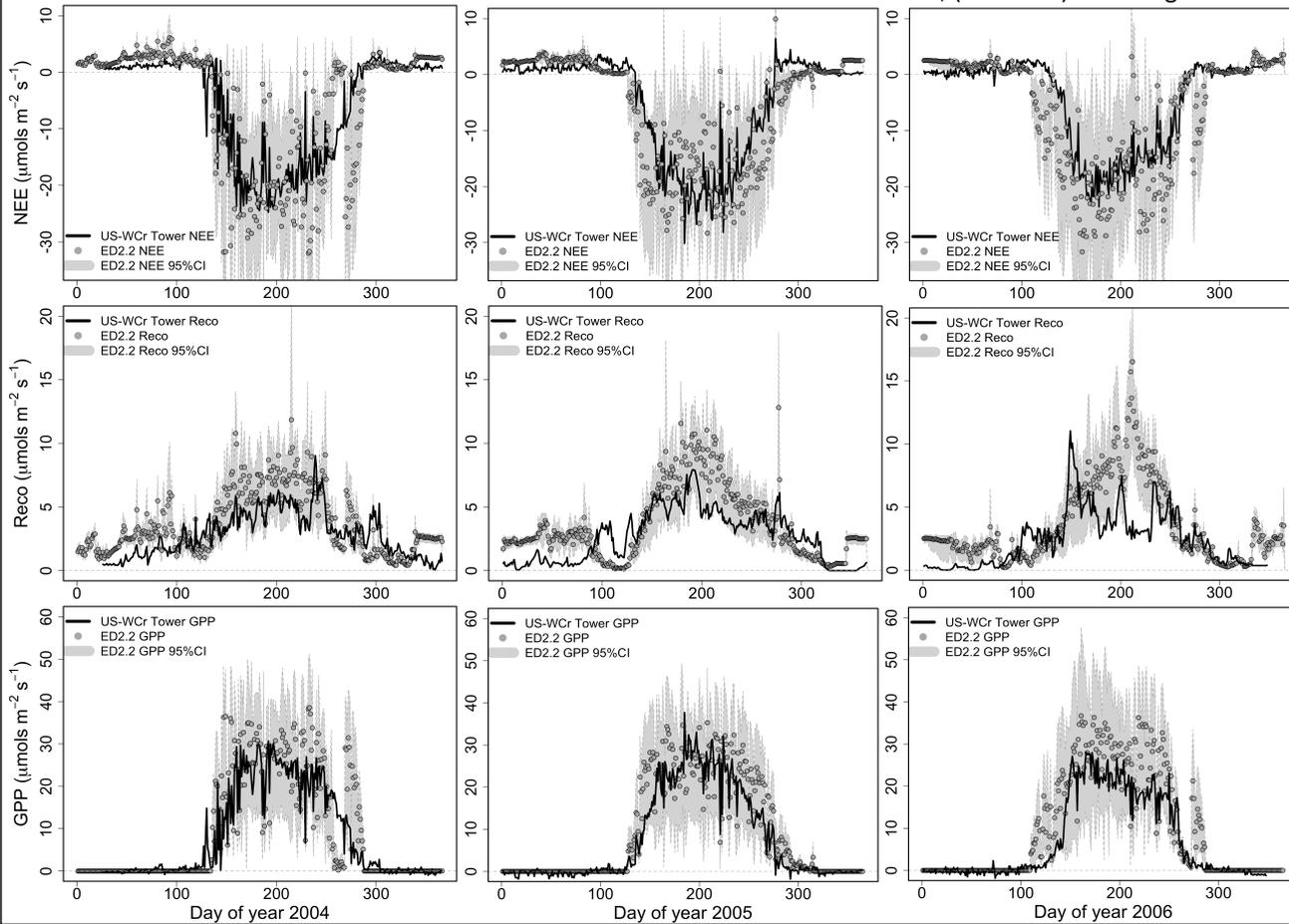
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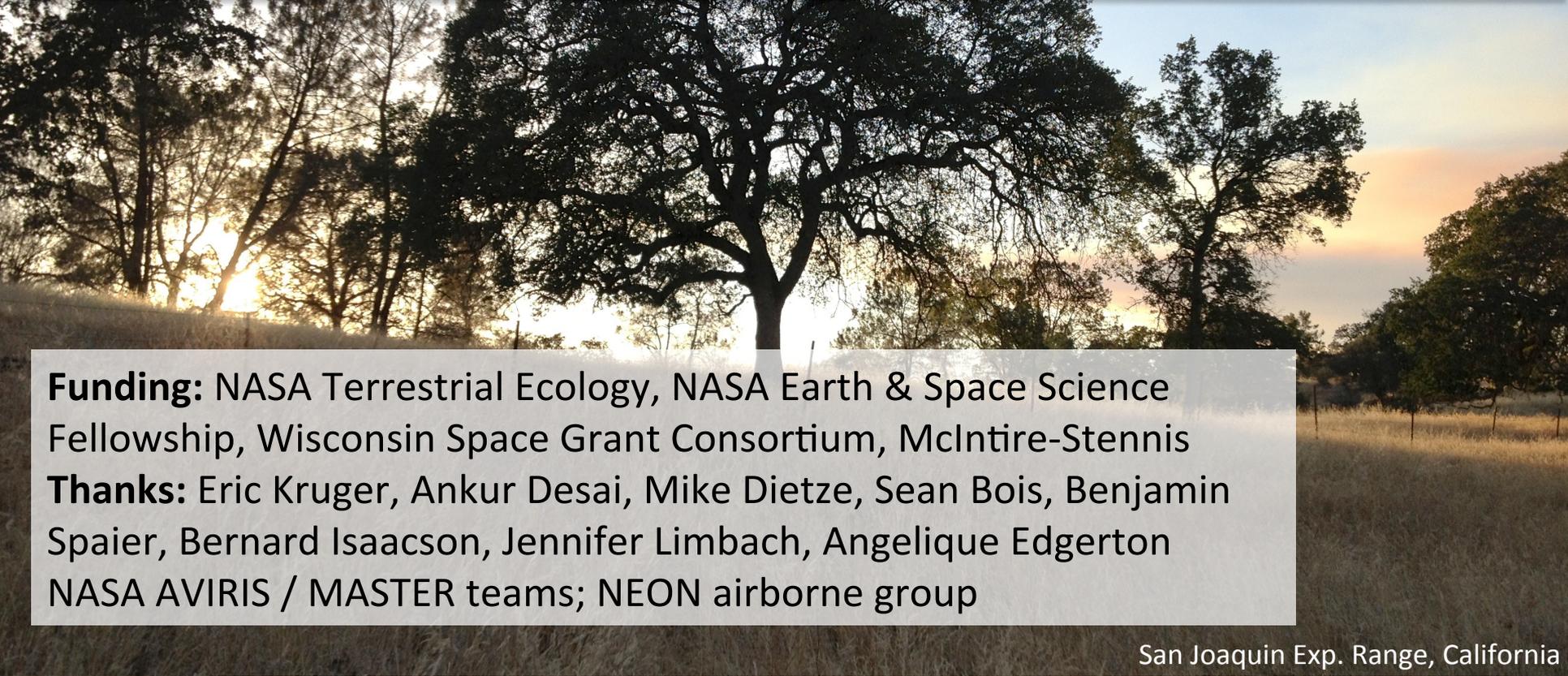
# Next Steps

- Application of PLSR algorithms to new sites
  - Eastern US; NEON
  - HypsIRI California Campaign (cal/val)
- Synthesize spatial predictions within ecosystem models
  - Upper Midwest, HypsIRI California Campaign Leaf morphology, phenology, chemistry, etc



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